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House Bill \_\_\_\_\_  
By \_\_\_\_\_

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A RESOLUTION relative to the establishment of a veterans cemetery in Tennessee to serve the Fort Campbell area.

WHEREAS, since the birth of our great nation, hundreds of thousands of brave American men and women have served their country in the armed forces and many continue this proud legacy of service today, nobly defending the most inviolate principles of human freedom and democracy; and

WHEREAS, this meritorious service continues the time-honored tradition of the Volunteer State; and

WHEREAS, from Valley Forge to Kuwait, to present war-torn lands, our armed forces have unselfishly paid the price of freedom for their friends and families; and

WHEREAS, the intrepid and valiant men and women of the United States Armed Forces have inspired our confidence, loyalty and support; and

WHEREAS, these veterans who have served their country so courageously have the right to feel secure in the knowledge that their government will provide a final resting place for them and their spouses; and

WHEREAS, the Fort Campbell area supports 44,587 retirees, 68,732 family members of retirees, and 28,393 reserve components. These figures do not count veterans living in the area; and

WHEREAS, the national cemetery at Dover, Tennessee, is filled to capacity and the national cemetery in Nashville, Tennessee, is practically filled; therefore, eventually, there will not be a veterans cemetery within a reasonable distance of Fort Campbell to bury veterans, military retirees and their families; and

WHEREAS, 68,474 acres of approximately 110,000 total acres of Fort Campbell are located in Tennessee and most of the retirees live in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, veteran cemeteries are located on the following military installations to provide burial space: Fort Benning, Fort Bragg, Fort Bliss, Fort Riley, Schofield Barracks, and others; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby memorialize the Tennessee Department of Veterans Affairs to work toward the establishment of a state veterans cemetery in Tennessee to serve the brave veterans in the Fort Campbell area who have given unselfishly of themselves for the benefit of us all, or in the alternative to petition the federal Department of Veterans Affairs to establish a National Veterans Cemetery at Fort Campbell.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Commissioner of Veterans Affairs.

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